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**GOV. EASLEY PROCLAIMS MAY 13-19 AS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WEEK**

**RALEIGH** - Gov. Mike Easley today proclaimed May 13-19, 2007 as Law Enforcement Officers Week and urged all North Carolinians to recognize the significant role law enforcement officers play in safeguarding the rights and freedoms of the citizens across the state.

"Law Enforcement Officers Week is a time for all of us in North Carolina to appreciate and thank the officers who protect us from violence and disorder," said Easley. "This week, we must also honor and remember those officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the name of our rights and freedoms. Every day officers face dangerous situations so that North Carolina will be a safer place for all of us to live."

Since January, eight law enforcement officers have been killed in North Carolina. The most recent officer killed was Rocky Mount Police Officer Alan Christopher Silver, 23. Officer Silver died of injuries sustained in an automobile accident while responding to a robbery call in April.

The traditional way to honor law enforcement officers is to put an electric candle with a blue light bulb in a window of your home. For information on police officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the state of North Carolina, visit [http://www.ncdoj.com/law\\_enforcement/cle\\_liaison\\_honor\\_role.jsp](http://www.ncdoj.com/law_enforcement/cle_liaison_honor_role.jsp). For more information on National Police Week, visit <http://www.nleomf.com/>.

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